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SUBJECT: NORTHEAST AGRICULTURE EXTENSION PID

REF: ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION FY 77

1. SUBJECT PID REVIEWED BY EAST ASIA PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON JULY 14, 1975 AND IN SUMMARY AT ABS REVIEW BOTH MEETINGS CONCLUDED PROPOSED PROJECT CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT AGENCY PROGRAM AND POLICY DIRECTIONS AND APPROVED USOM PREPARATION PRP FOR FY 77. HOWEVER, COMMITTEE NOTED THAT PROPOSED 5-YEAR DISBURSEMENT PERIOD THIS PROJECT MUST BE JUSTIFIED PER PD-57. IN ADDITION TO POINTS COVERED IN PID, THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND ISSUES WERE RAISED BY EAPAC AND SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IN PRP.

2. COMMITTEE EXPRESSED NEED FOR ADDITIONAL DETAIL TO UNCLASSIFIED

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CLARIFY PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION:

(A) TARGET PROJECT AREA NEEDS TO BE DEFINED AND JUSTIFIED.

(B) MEANS OF RECRUITING AND COMPENSATING TAMBON VOLUNTEERS NEEDS TO BE CLARIFIED; LOCATION OF AND SUPPORT FOR

TRAINING, AS WELL AS TRAINING CONTENT AND CRITERIA FOR CONTENT NEEDS TO BE SPECIFIED IN PRP. COMMITTEE CONCERNED THAT ADEQUATE COMPENSATION, SUPPORT, AND TRAINING BE PROVIDED TO MOTIVATED INDIVIDUALS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE SUCCESS OF PROJECT.

(C) DETAILED BREAKDOWN NEEDED FOR FX AND LOCAL CURRENCY COMPONENTS WITH JUSTIFICATION FOR USE OF AID FUNDS FOR THE LATTER.

(D) COMMITTEE STRESSED THAT HISTORY OF RTG EXTENSION EFFORT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN PRP ALONG WITH TIE-INS TO PROPOSED PROJECT.

3. COMMITTEE STRONGLY CONCURRED IN NEED FOR STUDIES AND ANALYSES IN PART III PID. HOWEVER, SUGGEST IN-COUNTRY EXPERTISE MOST APPROPRIATE FOR AT LEAST SEVERAL THESE STUDIES. USDA PASA'S MIGHT BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH IN-COUNTRY EXPERTISE WHERE NECESSARY. AID/W PREPARED ASSIST IN COORDINATION AND FUNDING OUTSIDE TECHNICIANS AS NEEDED. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST EXTENT OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE NEEDED WITH WORK SCOPES.

4. RTG WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES AFTER TERMINATION OF PROJECT OBVIOUSLY CRITICAL TO PROJECT SUCCESS. PRP SHOULD FOCUS EXPLICITLY ON PROJECT ELEMENTS DESIGNED TO ASSURE THIS OUTCOME. KISSINGER

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